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Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Woburn Sup. Ct.

I have cut and pasted the questions I'm planning to ask. I've pretty much stuck with the outline Della sent me before, and tailored it to my case. I wrote just the last 2 numbers of the certs in my questions below, so don't let that throw you. I'll state the entire # when I'm actually asking you questions at trial. Let me know if you have any questions, and thank you again.

4. DIRECT: DELLA SAUNDERS

Name, employ?

Long?

Duties?

Formal educ?

How many times tested drugs?

You received training and learned how to test for presence of heroin?

Can you describe the tests to det. whether a substance contains heroin?

Name of test?

If heroin is present, what happens during that test?

Does lab have protocols for how to handle substances police depts. submit for testing?

Describe how process works

Once the substances are logged in, are they assigned to a chemist for testing and analysis?

What happens then?

DRUGS IN THIS CASE

Did you have the opportunity to analyze some substances ITC?

On 8/8/07, did you receive 5 bagged items from the LPD for analysis?

Receive information with those items?

What information?

Did your lab assign analysis #'s to those items?

You and a chemist named Dan Renczkowski were involved in analyzing TWO of those items, correct?

What was your role? [Custodial chemist, to do the preliminary testing and weight.

Can you tell us step by step what you did w/ those 2 items?

Are steps you just described the normal procedures for testing unknown substances?

1. RE: DRUGS # 87

Were you able to conclude to a rsbl degree of scientific certainty what substance was contained in item #87?

What tests were used to determine that was heroin?

Did you generate a report documenting your analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #87

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

Relates to the drugs you just testified about?

How much did the drugs weigh?

Is there a way to match up the certification to the bagged item? [We write the certification # on the plastic bag]

So the certification #87 will appear on the bag in the chemist's handwriting?

2. RE: DRUGS # 88

Were you able to conclude to a rsbl degree of scientific certainty what substance was contained in item #88?

Use same test?

Did you generate a report documenting your analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #88

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What is it?

Sign it?

Relates to the drugs you just testified about?

How much did the drugs weigh?

Once you've completed your analysis what is the next step?

[I then send a small amount of the sample dissolved in a solvent to be analyzed by the confirmatory chemist, who does a mass spec analysis]

5. DIRECT: DANIEL RENCKOWSKI

Name, employ?

Long?

Duties?

Formal educ?

How many times tested drugs?

You received training and learned how to test for presence of heroin?

Did you work on 2 sets of substances in this case?

Your role? [Confirmatory chemist, who does the structural analysis on the GC/MS. The 2nd chemist never sees the sample and is not involved with the net weight at all.]

You received 2 items numbered ##87 and 88, correct?

A custodial chemist had already done initial analysis and weight, correct?

Who was that? [Della Saunders]

What tests did you run?

Did you sign reports documenting your analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #87

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What is it?

Sign it?

What were your findings re: item #87?

Move to admit

APPROACH WITH CERT #88

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What is it?

Sign it?

What were your findings re: item #88?

Move to admit

Once you've completed your analysis what is the next step? [Police pick up the drugs and certs]

6. DIRECT: ELISABETH O'BRIEN

Name, employ?

Long?

Duties?

Formal educ?

How many times tested drugs?

You received training and learned how to test for presence of heroin?

You and a chemist named Kate Corbett were involved in analyzing THREE items in this case, correct?

What was your role? [Custodial chemist, to do the preliminary testing and weight].

Can you tell us step by step what you did w/ those 3 items?

RE: DRUGS # 84

Were you able to conclude to a rsbl degree of scientific certainty what substance was contained in item #84?

Did you generate a report documenting your analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #84

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

Relates to the drugs you just testified about?

How much did the drugs weigh?

RE: DRUGS # 85

Were you able to conclude to a rsbl degree of scientific certainty what substance was contained in item #84?

Did you generate a report documenting your analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #85

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

Relates to the drugs you just testified about?

How much did the drugs weigh?

RE: DRUGS # 86

Were you able to conclude to a rsbl degree of scientific certainty what substance was contained in item #86?

Did you generate a report documenting your analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #86

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

Relates to the drugs you just testified about?

How much did the drugs weigh?

Once you completed your analyses what was your next step?

[I then sent a small amount of the sample dissolved in a solvent to be analyzed by the confirmatory chemist, who does a mass spec analysis]

Who was the confirmatory chemist in this case? [Kate Corbett]

7. DIRECT: KATE CORBETT

Name, employ?

Long?

Duties?

Formal educ?

How many times tested drugs?

You received training and learned how to test for presence of heroin?

Did you work on 3 sets of substances in this case?

Your role? [Confirmatory chemist, who does the structural analysis on the GC/MS. The 2nd chemist never sees the sample and is not involved with the net weight at all.]

You received 3 items numbered ##85, 86 and 87, correct?

An initial, or custodial, chemist had already done initial analysis and weight, correct?

Who was that? [Elisabeth O'Brien]

What tests did you run?

Did you sign reports documenting that analysis?

APPROACH WITH CERT #85

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

What were your findings re: item #85?

Move to admit

APPROACH WITH CERT #86

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

What were your findings re: item #86?

Move to admit

APPROACH WITH CERT #87

Handing you doc – recognize?

What is it?

Sign it?

What were your findings re: item #87?

Move to admit

Once you've completed your analysis what is the next step? [Police pick up the drugs and certs]

From: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:56 PM
To: Saunders, Della (DPH); Mehta, Tejal (NOR)
Cc: Corbett, Kate (DPH); Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED], Woburn Sup. Ct.

Hi Tejal,

It looks as if I could tentatively be available Monday, preferably later in the morning. I think due to the last minute nature of this being scheduled it is difficult for everyone to juggle their schedules. The laboratory is left very short staffed to have all of us out on one case. Also, if you could have summons' sent over so we can document this trial in our database that would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Saunders, Della (DPH)
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To: Mehta, Tejal (NOR)
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Subject: RE: [REDACTED], Woburn Sup. Ct.

Good Afternoon Tejal,
Here is my court schedule for the week of 5/17:

05/17/10 Comm. vs.	[REDACTED]	Salem Superior Court ADA Michael Sheehan
Comm. vs.	[REDACTED]	Boston Municipal Court ADA Kate Ferguson
Comm. vs.	[REDACTED]	Roxbury District Court ADA Rebecca Chernin

Comm. vs. [REDACTED] Boston Municipal Court ADA Andrius Knasus
Comm. vs. [REDACTED] Boston Municipal Court ADA Aidan Flanagan
Comm. vs. [REDACTED] Boston Municipal Court ADA Ryan Mingo

05/19/10 Comm. vs. [REDACTED] Lawrence District Court ADA Maria Markos

05/20/10 Comm. vs. [REDACTED] Dorchester District Court ADA Kevin Santos

I have not been informed yet if any of these cases are definitely going to trial next week. I hope this helps.

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Cc: Stanton, Nancy (NOR); Cornett, Mary (NOR)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED], Woburn Sup. Ct.

This trial is on again. This time I forgot to send out the summonses. Sorry...! Mary/Nancy are sending out the notices asap.

I'm hoping you're available on **Mon. 5/17**, that's the day I anticipate your testimony.

Please email to let us know as soon as you can – thank you!

From: Renczkowski, Daniel (DPH)
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 8:21 AM
To: Mehta, Tejal (NOR)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED], Woburn Sup. Ct.

Hi Tejal. I'm good to go for 5/6 (or the next day too if the trial runs over). Just give us a call at the lab or email when you find out if and when you'll need us. Thanks!

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Cc: Cornett, Mary (NOR); Stanton, Nancy (NOR)
Subject: [REDACTED], Woburn Sup. Ct.

Hi all – Mary just clued me in – the subject line was confusing, sorry.

Trial is ON for next week, 5/6. Could you please confirm you're available on for 5/6 in Woburn Superior Court?

Thanks,
Tejal

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Cc: Cornett, Mary (NOR); Stanton, Nancy (NOR)
Subject: RE: TRIAL IS OFF THIS WEEK: [REDACTED] Woburn Sup. Ct.

Hi all – I think you all received notices for 5/6, but could you please email me to confirm? (Della, I already got your email, thank you).

I do expect the trial to go this time. Will let you know if there are any changes.

Thanks,
Tejal

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Subject: TRIAL IS OFF THIS WEEK: [REDACTED] Woburn Sup. Ct.
Importance: High

Hi all. I talked with Della this morning. This trial was moved to the first week of May b/c we didn't have jurors today. We'll send you notices for 5/6. Thanks for your help~

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